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have to give reduced rates for candidates running for office, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, but the bottom line is that they are totally at the whim of the FCC. The FCC says you're going to...you're going to do this and if you don't you will no longer be able to operate and act. This has a huge impact on the broadcasters in the state of Nebraska, who some have invested in updating their equipment to try to stay competitive over the years. Those are huge investments of property, and what they have come and what they've done in many other states is seek an exemption because of this mandate. This is unusual. This is different from other mandates that are out there during our time and I think after the committee amendments are adopted, be a good time to talk about why this is different than some of the other federal mandates, and we can talk about the cost. But, quite frankly, the committee amendment, and I'll give you a little preview of it, is...is a real restricter here. And I think...I mean I've agreed to do it. I think the committee has worked hard in doing this. This is not everything I'd like to see them do, but I think it is a very baseline, something that we need to have done. I will support the committee amendments. Mr. President, I would yield back my time and ask that we go to the committee amendments at this point.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments, as Chairperson of Revenue Committee. Senator Wickersham. (AM2103, Legislative Journal page 470.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee amendments do make some significant changes in the bill and I am, of course, going to ask that you support the committee amendments. But, so there won't be any misunderstanding later on, while I will support the committee amendments and, in fact, voted for the committee amendments, I will not support the bill after the committee amendments are adopted, and we'll have that...have an opportunity for that discussion later. But the committee amendments do make what I would characterize as quite desirable changes in the bill and I'm glad to hear that Senator Kristensen, the primary sponsor of the bill, supports the changes that are in the committee amendments. The bill, as it came to the Revenue Committee, would have extended its benefits, i.e., the exemption from sales tax for the purchase of